

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

#### **Listing of Claims**

1. (currently amended) A method for auction brokerage service provided by a computer that resides between an information terminal of a user putting up an ~~identical-a unique commodity~~item to be an auctioned ~~commodity~~item and a plurality of auction servers at a ~~plurality of auction sites~~ accessed by a plurality of buyers to perform brokerage operation for an ~~auction~~auctions of the ~~auctioned-unique commodity~~item among the auction servers, the method comprising steps of:

selecting information of said auction servers suitable for the user's conditions from among stored information related to said auction servers, in response to a request from said information terminal;

transmitting an auction registration request in the name of the user to each of the ~~auction servers at the auction sites that have been selected by the user from among the selected auction servers at the selected auction sites~~ to receive a notification that the ~~auctioned-unique commodity~~item of the user has been registered at the selected auction servers, the selected auction servers auctioning the ~~auctioned-unique commodity~~item simultaneously ~~at the selected auction sites~~ to the plurality of buyers accessing the selected auction ~~servers~~sites;

gathering trade information of how the ~~auctioned-unique commodity~~item has been bid for at the selected auction servers and tendering to the other selected auction

~~sites-servers~~ the highest tendered price of the bids in the name of a substitute in order to adjust the bid prices to the highest price over all the selected auction ~~sites-servers~~; and

notifying said information terminal of the auction result of the unique item information and outputting the auction result,

wherein said selected auction servers are other brokerage computers which accept bids from a plurality of information terminals for the ~~auctioned-unique commodity item~~.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The method for auction brokerage service as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a step of requesting the selected auction servers to alter the desired price specified by the user according to the user's instruction when the computer has found that there is no bid for the unique commodity item at the selected auction servers ~~any relevant auction sites~~ by the date specified by the user.

4. (currently amended) The method for auction brokerage service as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a step of notifying the other selected auction servers ~~auction sites~~ of canceling the registration of the unique commodity item by ~~an a~~ selected auction server site with which the trade has concluded.

5. (currently amended) A method executed by a brokerage computer residing between a user computer of an auction user putting up ~~an identical~~ a unique

~~commodity item~~ to be an auctioned ~~commodity item~~ and auction computers of auction organizers accessed by a plurality of buyers to perform brokerage operation for auctions among the auction computers, the method comprising steps of:

(a) receiving information about the ~~auctioned-unique commodity item~~ and at least one specified auction organizers from the user computer;

(b) sending the information about the ~~auctioned-unique commodity item~~ in the name of the user to the auction computers of the specified auction organizers, the auction computers auctioning the ~~auctioned-unique commodity item~~ simultaneously to the plurality of buyers accessing the specified auction organizers;

(c) gathering trade information of how the ~~auctioned-unique commodity item~~ has been bid for at the specified auction organizers;

(d) tendering to the other auction computers of the specified auction organizers the highest bid price of the bid prices in the name of a substitute in order to adjust the bid prices to the highest price over all the auction computers of the specified auction organizers; and

(e) taking an action in accordance with conditions specified by the user computer if the brokerage computer has found that there is no bid for the unique commodity item at any auction computers of the specified auction organizers by the date specified by the user including notifying said user computer of the auction result of the unique item information and outputting the auction result,

wherein said auction computers are other brokerage computers of the specified auction organizers which accept bids from a plurality of other user computers for the ~~auctioned-unique commodity item~~.

6. (currently amended) The method for auction brokerage service as claimed in claim 5, further comprising a step of requesting the auction organizers to alter the desired price specified by the auction user according to the instruction of the auction user if no bid has been found by the specified date.

7. (currently amended) The method for auction brokerage service as claimed in claim 5, further comprising a step of notifying the other specified auction organizers of canceling the registration of the unique commodity item by ~~an~~ a specified auction organizer site with which the trade has concluded.

8. (currently amended) A computer for residing between an information terminal of a user putting up an ~~an identical~~ a unique commodity item to be an auctioned commodity item and auction servers accessed by a plurality of buyers to perform brokerage service for ~~an auction~~ auctions of the ~~auctioned~~ unique commodity item among the auction servers, said computer comprising:

(a) means for receiving information about the ~~auctioned~~ unique commodity item and ~~at least one~~ specified auction servers from said information terminal;

(b) means for sending the information about the ~~auctioned~~ unique commodity item in the name of the user to the specified auction servers, the specified auction servers auctioning the ~~auctioned~~ unique commodity item simultaneously to the plurality of buyers accessing the specified auction servers;

(c) means for gathering trade information of how the ~~auctioned~~ unique commodity item has been bid for at the specified auction servers;

(d) means for tendering to the other specified auction servers the highest

bidding price among all bidding prices in the name of a substitute in order to adjust the bidding prices to the highest price over all the specified auction servers; and

(e) means for taking an action in accordance with conditions specified by said information terminal if the computer has found that there is no bid for the unique commodity item at any specified auction servers by the date specified by the user including notifying said information terminal of the auction result of the unique item information and outputting the auction result,

wherein said specified auction servers are other brokerage computers which accept bids from a plurality of information terminals for the auctioned-unique commodity item.

9. (currently amended) The computer as claimed in claim 8, wherein said means for taking the specified action further comprises means for requesting the auction servers to alter the desired price specified by the user according to ~~the~~ an instruction of the user if no bid has been found by the specified date.

10. (currently amended) The computer as claimed in claim 8, further comprising means for notifying the other specified auction servers of canceling the registration of the unique commodity item by ~~an~~ a specified auction server with which the trade has concluded.

11. (new) A method for auction brokerage service provided by a computer that resides between an information terminal of a user putting up a single item to be an auctioned item and a plurality of auction servers accessed by a plurality of buyers to

perform brokerage operation for auctions of the single item among the auction servers, the method comprising steps of:

selecting information of said auction servers suitable for the user's conditions from among stored information related to said auction servers, in response to a request from said information terminal;

transmitting an auction registration request in the name of the user to each of the selected auction servers to receive a notification that the single item of the user has been registered at the selected auction servers, the selected auction servers auctioning the single item simultaneously to the plurality of buyers accessing the selected auction servers;

gathering trade information of how the single item has been bid for at the selected auction servers and tendering to the other selected auction servers the highest tendered price of the bids in the name of a substitute in order to adjust the bid prices to the highest price over all the selected auction servers; and

notifying said information terminal of the auction result of the single item and outputting the auction result,

wherein said selected auction servers are other brokerage computers which accept bids from a plurality of information terminals for the single item.

12. (new) The method for auction brokerage service as claimed in claim 11, further comprising a step of requesting the selected auction servers to alter the desired price specified by the user according to the user's instruction when the computer has found that there is no bid for the single item at the selected auction servers by the date specified by the user.

13. (new)           The method for auction brokerage service as claimed in claim 11, further comprising a step of notifying the other selected auction servers of canceling the registration of the single item by a selected auction server with which the trade has concluded.